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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NI

SUBJECT: QUESTIONING OF GOWON

RELIABLE AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN SOURCE TOLD AMBASSADOR LAST  
NIGHT HE HAD LEARNED THAT A DELEGATION OF HIGH-RANKING  
NIGERIAN MILITARY OFFICERS HAD GONE TO THE UK TO TALK WITH  
GOWON ABOUT WHAT HE KNOW OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP AGAINST  
MUHAMMED. WE SURMISE THEY MAY BE SEEKING INFORMATION THAT  
WOULD SUPPORT AN EXTRADITION REQUEST. PLEA-BARGAINING IS  
ALSO POSSIBLE. IF GOWON PRODUCES ENOUGH INFORMATION LEADING TO  
OTHER SUSPECTS, THE FMG MIGHT BE PREPARED TO PERMIT  
HIM TO REMAIN AT HIS STUDIES.  
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